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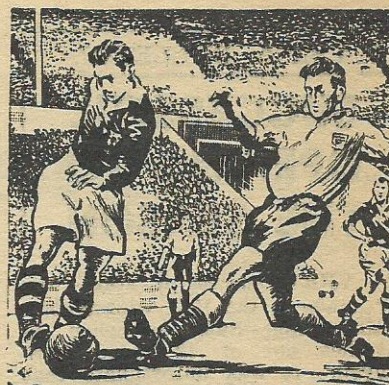


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A BRILLIANT OPENING FOR OLYMPIC PARK

THOUSANDS of fans streamed into Olympic Park last Saturday and Sunday to see the first League games played there since the highly successful face-lift of soccer's headquarters.

It was obvious to all observers that the spectators thoroughly appreciated seeing soccer under the first-class conditions provided at the Park.

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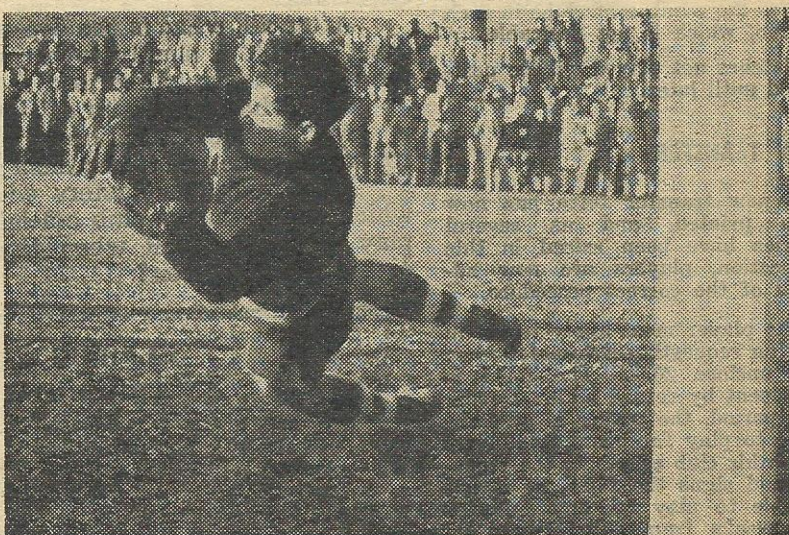
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Arrangements moved smoothly under the guiding hand of Mr. Alex. Kerr, who was Arena Man-

ager during the Olympic Games, and who has continued in that capacity pro tem. The Executive of the Association intends to ask Council to confirm his appointment to this position for the season.

VITTI MAKES SURPRISE COMEBACK



Making a surprise come-back to the Hakoah team last Saturday was Italian goalkeeper ALDO VITTI, seen here making one of his famous flying saves. Not spectacular-Continental fashion, Vitti relies mainly on sound judgment and a safe pair of hands. A mysterious leg muscle injury, however, handicapped him since the end of last season.

Now he is back!

V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN.**SUCCESSFUL
OPENING TO
THE SEASON**

A VERY successful start was made to the 1957 winter competition last Saturday when 39 matches out of 42 listed were played. It was unfortunate that cricket finals prevented two games



being played, while a third match was cancelled, due to some thoughtless person using the pitch as a dumping ground for soil.

It is appreciated that clubs have difficulty in using Parkland under the control of the

Melbourne Parks and Gardens Committee — due to cricket finals — but to permit the season to start later would automatically reduce the number of clubs in each section, which is not desirable.

Matches not played will be postponed until later.

NEW TRANSFERS

A new transfer form has now been printed, and as several queries have been raised in this connection, players are now advised of the correct procedure.

The player must apply to me in writing requesting a transfer form and enclose 20/-. The form is then sent by return mail. During this period, the player is still eligible to play for his present club. When his club agrees to the transfer and signs the form, he is not eligible to play for any club for two weeks from date cleared by his club.

When the transfer is approved by the V.A.S.F.A. both the player and his new club are advised in writing.

Stuart Beaton,
(V.A.S.F.A. Sec.).

EDITORIAL.**WHY HOLD JUNIORS
CAPTIVE?**

AT the recent Special General Meeting called by the clubs to discuss alterations to the system of transferring players from club to club, several delegates with a particular interest in juniors spoke for the proposition that juniors be tied to their clubs in the same manner that it is intended that seniors be tied, commencing next season.

The burden of their pleas was that their respective clubs produce promising junior players, only to have them scouted and "pinched," to use their own term, by senior clubs.

Their complaint is born of pure selfishness, and their reasoning is narrow and retrograde.

In the first place, very few good junior players are "produced." They are usually "naturals" who react quickly and favorably to intelligent guidance, and have the ability to become attractive footballers in their mid-teens.

At other times and places, these same voices complain that good juniors become lost to soccer because when they become too old for the Junior Leagues there is no place for them with the seniors.

Then why complain, and, what is far worse, prevent a promising youngster from "going places" in soccer when he is given the chance to play in Third, Second, or even First Division clubs?

After all, what is the dream of every youngster in every sport? Isn't it simply to become good enough to star with the senior, more glamorised section of his sport?

And what is the aim of the game's administrators?

Isn't it the attraction of more and more juniors to the round ball code and to see them go far in the game?

How many youngsters will be attracted to a game in which selfish junior club officials expect them to continue to play junior football when they have reached the age of eighteen or nineteen?

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A "SOCCER NEWS" SPECIAL

WATCH OUT DIVISION 1—

ELEVEN men under sentence of death sat quietly in the South Melbourne stand watching their first game of Australian soccer. It was one of the showpieces — last month's Sun Cup Final.

Within 15 minutes they had weighed up the sides. And they all said the same: "Give us a fortnight's training, and we could beat either of these teams easily."

In case you've forgotten, "these teams" were J.U.S.T., winner of the Cup for three consecutive seasons, and hard-hitting Wilhelmina.

The 11 men — all Hungarians and all on the Russians' black list for their part in the "October Rising" — had been in Australia only five weeks.

They should have died, but all escaped. And on the boat that brought them to a new life, they met.

ANOTHER REVOLUTION!

Now, after seeing the brand of opposition here they have formed a club and entered the Metropolitan South Division. And the name they have chosen for themselves is nothing more or less than — Melbourne!

They intend to start another revolution — right here in soccer records! These men, whose wives and families are still in Hungary, have made the following provisional list of what they intend to win this season:

- The Metropolitan Division.
 - The Dockerty Cup.
 - The Sunday International Cup.
- (They'll probably add the rest when they get to hear of 'em!)

So confident are they, that the soccer genius that brought many of them success back home will sweep the scene here, that it's no secret they are expecting to jump to the First Division in consecutive seasons.

They have made bold prophecies. Especially at this early stage. But read on if you need to be persuaded that at least they have good reason

Magyars' Target is YOU!

to feel a certain amount of confidence.

Six of the team that will take on the Met. South sides were State players in Hungary. There's Bukkos, Voros, Vass, Holl, Zolani and Vathy.

That sextet lived soccer back home. Did nothing else but train and play, train and play. And we are told: given the right type of conditions these boys will produce that scintillating on-the-carpet Magyar magic that has made Hungary one of the big names in world soccer.

Some of them were tempted to join the bigger Melbourne clubs almost before they found their land legs. Attractive offers were made. But the glamor clubs were given a firm "Nothing doing." The Hungarians want to stick together. They know that is the only way their ambitious plans can reach fruition.

Their hopes are pinned on Englishman Victor Manson, former Footscray captain, skipper and coach of Park Rangers and coach of East Brighton youngsters.

He was asked to start a new team about five weeks ago, even though his advice was: "Join the clubs already doing well." But the new-comers insisted. It had to be a new team.

He called the new side Melbourne. That's confidence! He watched them in action a week ago against a local association side, after four of the team had docked only the night before. The playing surface was rough — but they won 10-0.

Quote from Mr. Manson: "If the ground had been at all flat it would have been 20-0."

And last Saturday they got nearer that mark when they made their League debut with a grand-slam 14-2 win over weakened Wilhelmina Thirds.

Only "fly in the ointment" is an off-the-field problem. Most of the players need work. Trouble is none can speak English.

That problem is in the hands of tutor, Mr. Manson.

THEIR CHANCES.

Will they emulate the successes of Polonia, Slavia, Wilhelmina and J.U.S.T., all of whom marched into the First Division in one straight lift?

"I think so," says their chief. "Probably do better and get a few cups as well."

Whatever their fortunes, soccer followers wish them luck. If they can turn the record tables upside down it would be a shot in the arm for Victorian soccer.

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F.A. COACH TO MOVE TO MELBOURNE

GET a good coach and go places, so the saying goes. And it's true in any sport. So this week "Soccer News" brings those clubs who feel they are not getting the best out of their players a choice

news tit-bit that could do one of them a real piece of good.

A qualified F.A. coach is languishing out Brisbane way, and wants to get into Victorian soccer.

Name: Dick Groves.

Just look at these references. As a player in England he had:

- Six seasons with Bristol Rovers.
- Four seasons with Southampton.
- Two seasons with Plymouth Argyle.

His playing days over, Groves became an F.A. coach, and in 1947 joined Sligo Rovers, the Irish First Division club, as player-manager-coach. That year they won the League Championship, and were finalists in the Cup.

That led to an invitation from the Dutch F.A. to take up the post of coach with A.D.O., a first-class club in the Netherlands. Position accepted, and A.D.O. finished third in Division 1 that year.

Back in England again, Groves helped Cheshire League side, Wellington Town, as their manager-coach to "giant-kill" their way into the fourth round of the F.A. Cup competition.

North Shore, the Sydney club, heard of his prowess and brought him "down under" just over 2½ years ago. But says Dick: "They were unable to fulfil their obligations of finding me a house." So he moved to Brisbane.

Since then he has been with Caledonians, an "A" grade club. Now his doctor has advised him a cooler State would be more beneficial to his wife's health. Hence this opportunity.

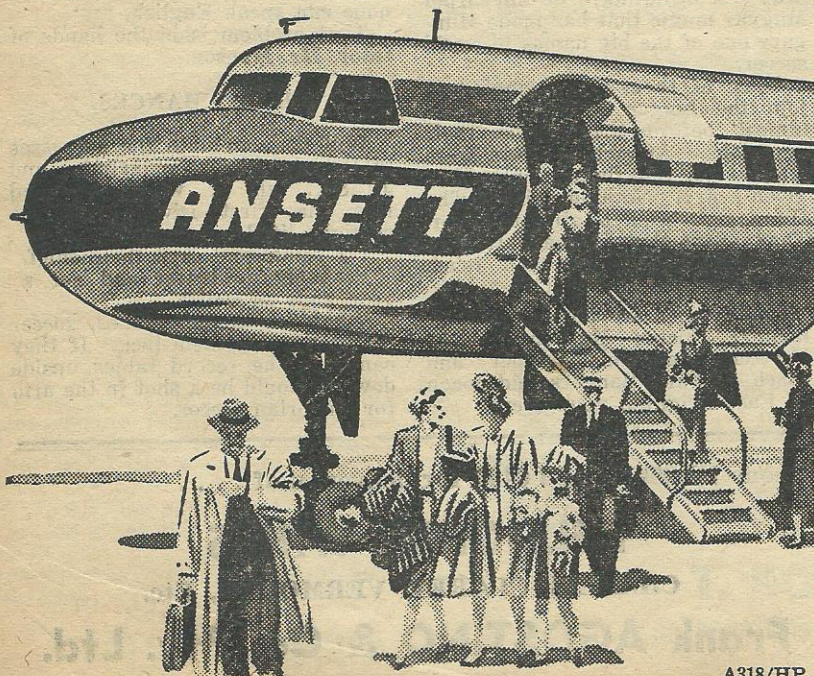
Dick is 40 years old and has four sons. And he tells us he wants to join a top club if possible. He's got excellent references, and, incidentally, has done a considerable amount of soccer broadcasting for the B.B.C. and written scripts on soccer.

In return for his services, Dick would like the club to provide a fair-sized house and assist him to get a job.

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FIVE-MAN PROBE INTO SOCCER SET-UP

BIG INVESTIGATION TO IMPROVE STANDARDS

A FIVE-MAN committee have been told by the Victorian Amateur Soccer Association: Find out what's wrong with our soccer.

The committee will meet weekly and thrash out the problems. They will divide the inquiry into four subjects — administration, publicity, the improvement of playing standards, and the development of juniors.

And they expect their findings to be available for next season.

"NOT KEPT PACE."

An Association member told "Soccer News": "I think the opinion is fairly general that many aspects of soccer in Victoria have not kept pace with the growth of

should signal the beginning of all sorts of improvements. We feel that the game itself, its supporters, players and its clubs deserve progressive organisation and administration. And we aim to accomplish just that!"

The five who have undertaken the immense task are: Dr. Charles Walker, a Soccer Council vice-president and formerly president of Polonia. He is the committee's chairman. Mr. Nat Rothfield, a managing director and council vice-president; Mr. Kurt Defris, a councillor and Hakoah's secretary; Mr. Jim Stewart, chairman of Moreland's committee and the Association's assistant secretary; and Mr. Morrie Buckner, a councillor and chairman of the council's publicity.

FIRST PROPOSAL.

The committee have already made their first recommendation, and the council are expected to act on it at their meeting on Monday evening.

They will urge the appointment of a full-time secretary. The committee feel that the new arrangement would be far more advantageous to the administrative needs of the council and would minimise inefficiency.

The present set-up of a part-time secretary having to cope with

the affairs of 52 clubs, plus numerous sub-committees, is simply too much to expect "in spare time," they will state.

If the council agree they are almost certain to invite applications for the position.

A member of the special committee said: "We consider this matter most urgent and would like to see a full-time secretary installed as soon as possible."

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the game. The council realise this, and have formed this special committee to inquire widely and deeply into our soccer set-up."

The committee will seek out faults in the present make-up of the League and try to find the correctives. This should take them a year. By that time the committee's recommendations will be forwarded to council. If they are accepted, major changes can be expected in Victorian soccer next season.

Minor improvements which could be implemented smoothly will be brought in this season as and when the committee recommend.

The council's spokesman added: "The committee's observations

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SOCCER GOSSIP

By
Ron Ford

Goal-Getter Garry Just Couldn't Keep Cool . . .

MOST miserable man during last Saturday's soccer scorcher: Garry Gotschlich, a goal-getter from Austria, and Slavia's pride of the close season signings. His trainer had to provide a full-time water boy on the touchline of sun-soaked Olympic Park to help Garry cool off during the game with Juventus.

Reason: Garry was playing for a top Austrian club, Vienna, five weeks ago in below-zero tempera-

tures. So he tried the water treatment to keep cool. But soccer in the "eighties" was just too much. . . .

Garry was so disappointed with his performance he apologised after the game to president Miro Roznetinsky. But he still showed class. Enough to make his club repeat their claim: "This boy's a magician with the ball. His control and distribution will make him the best in Victoria — better than Cubero or Bruyckere."

As it was, star men for Slavia were skipper Gottesman, who scored the goal, and half-backs, Glennie (late of Box Hill) and Petherick (ex-Sunshine). But Glennie joined Slavia's casualty list — suspected broken foot bones.

Slavia's president, incidentally, was "very disappointed" with Olympic Park's first "gate" of 2600, though he agreed the ground was perfect and attendances should increase. Biggest ever crowd at Slavia's Port Melbourne ground: about 2500. You can work that one out yourselves. . . .

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HEAR about the eccentric Continental coach who was training his side to go without food? He'd just got them to his way of thinking when they all died. Ah well. . . .

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In a long 1/9 for three minutes' telephone call to Geelong secretary, G. Sitar, I discovered this: New boy Spaziani from Azurri, Perth, is "very good." What do Wilhelmina think of promoted Geelong, who held them 1-1 last week? ". . . A very good team. They should do well in the First Division."

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Sunshine United (beaten 2-1 by Dandenong Rovers) say: "When we start taking our chances properly the points will be rolling in."

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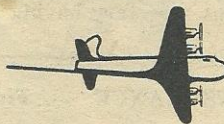
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PUNCH AND WEIGHT IN THIS LINE!

SANDRINGHAM expect English right-winger Doug. Gardner to strengthen their forward line. So happens that Doug. is a professional weight-lifter! And suppose inside-right Alan Saunders is in their attack to add more punch — he was a Victorian amateur boxing finalist. Any more?

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POLONIA EXPERIMENTS.

With Johnny Pedzimaz, ex-Preston pivot, occupying Bill Lawrie's old spot at centre-half, Bill was tried at left wing-half last Saturday, and Plekan was moved to inside left. The experiment had reasonably satisfactory results in its first trial against Moreland.

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DIVISION 2 South Yarra expect their "find your own youngsters and train 'em" policy to pay dividends this season. Youngsters dominate their teams. Assistant secretary Ivor Astolfi has quickly earned the respect of the sides, and is proving a power in the club.

Nervous...but Polonia Junior Earns First Team Place

BEING hailed as a new marvel at Polonia: 19-year-old junior, inside right Swododa. He ran out with the first team against Moreland last week-end and earned a regular senior side place. Official verdict: "He was very nervous before the start, but played a wonderful game — unlucky not to score twice." Bouquets, too, from Polonia for lone Scotsman, Bill Lawrie, and — biggest of all — centre forward Polazia, who has been out of the game for a year through a knee injury. He came back to lead his side to a 2-1 win last Saturday — and scored both goals!

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Brighton supporters claim they would have scored more than their lone goal against Box Hill if it weren't for the sterling 'keeping of lanky Bill Stow, the Hill's combination goalie-secretary.

NOW DON'T FORGET TO TRAIN, GERHARD!

WEDDING bells out Richmond way last week were for new-name left-winger Gerhard Wittlinger, a recent recruit from Germany. We join club secretary Frank Manier with congratulations and good luck. Mr. Manier adds: "Hoping it will still leave him

enough time for training and play!"

Gerhard's soccer rating: Very fast!

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Most of Lions' men turned out in new boots last week. But one by one they hobbled back to the dressing room to change back to their old ones — and then went on to beat C.F.C. 9-0.

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Back at Box Hill this year is coach Bill Woerner, who was with Polonia last season. He's already earning congratulations.

The club will be using their old ground at Surrey Park until the new pitch at Wembley Park is ready. Fashion note: the players are wearing white horse badges on blue backgrounds on their shirt pockets.

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METROPOLITAN North Bayswater expect a better season this time with the inclusion of several new players. They're a very young side — with one exception. But they're hoping the youngsters' enthusiasm will combine with the steadfastness of the "experienced boy" to carry the club a step higher. The improvement began to show three friendly matches ago during which they rattled up 15 goals and conceded only three.

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The new look at Olympic Park is a free look. Last Saturday and Sunday, hundreds of spectators lined the cyclone fence on the Swan Street side and got a good view of the game. Many of them were merely casual passers-by, but many more should have been paying customers. Something must be done about it.

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There are new players at Polonia — names include Johnny Pedzimaz, Schwartz (both ex-Preston), Von Nagy, Roleff and Kexmi — but the club will be relying mainly on the "old faithfuls" for the first few games. Progress is being hampered by injuries, among other things.

Got Something to Say . . . ?

JUST reach for that pen If you've got a groan or a word of praise for anything or anybody — tell me all about it. The address: 80 Kooyong Rd., Caulfield. The telephone number: UY 4513. The name's at the top of the column. Whatever you say, I'm interested. That's my business.

PENNANT PRESENTATION.

Just before the kick-off of the Wilhelmina-Geelong match at Olympic Park last Sunday, the Dutch club were presented with the Second Division Premiership pennant which they won last season, 1956.

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BEATEN 2-1 BY POLONIA.

Moreland are saying: "Our form last week was too bad to be true." Still on the gloomy side — right-back Eric Heath looks like having a leg operation and chairman Jim Stewart (also Association assistant secretary) has had a spell in bed with the 'flu. On the other side, John Collins (fractured wrist in night soccer) is back in training.

Division 1 review by Morrie Buckner

GEELONG PROVE IT WAS NO FLUKE!

MOST pleasing feature of the opening round of the senior division was perhaps the showing of Geelong against Wilhelmina last Sunday at Olympic Park.

The composition of the team remained a mystery until they took the field, and fears were entertained that they might not be up to First Division standard.

Any doubt in this respect was quickly dissipated when Geelong went into action and took control of the game in the first half with bright, virile, and constructive soccer, both in attack and defence, and led 1-0 at the interval.

Wilhelmina altered their attacking dispositions in the second half, sending Peter Schipperheyn, who was off the target, from centre-forward to the left wing, and switching Huygen from inside-right to centre. de Bruyckere and Yntema, who had started at outside-left and inside-left respectively, took up inside-left and inside-right positions, playing deeply. Luyten remained on the right wing.

This attack was a potent one and dominated the game as Geelong, playing their first game since last September, began to tire. But the marksmanship of the Dutch forwards was poor, and apart from the equalising goal, Yntema to Huygen to Schipperheyn, who scored, the Blue-Blacks kept Wilhelmina out.

Geelong's form was good enough to permit their selection as winners to-day against Box Hill, who lost to Brighton last week by 0-1.

J.U.S.T. seem to have the proverbial Indian sign on Hakoah, and the Blues' defence could not find an answer to the Terrible Trio — Ardner, Cubero, and Lolly Vella — at the Showgrounds.

If the Redsox do well this season, those three forwards could easily be the main factors for their club's success. They are aggressive, determined, clever and very

fast. They have only to hold their form to defeat Moreland at Campbell Reserve to-day.

On the other hand, Hakoah were not completely disgraced, and should account for Wilhelmina at Middle Park.

Hakoah predict that injured Bill Harburn is improving quickly, and will soon be seen in action again.

Despite uneven combination, Slavia held themselves together sufficiently to take a point from Juventus last Saturday with a 1-1 draw, and should take both points from Brighton at Olympic Park to-day.

Family news from Brighton: Left-back Ken Cullen has just become the proud father of a bouncing baby boy; inside-right Jim Garrett got married in the close season; and John Alexander is at present on honeymoon.

Brighton's soccer news: There'll be stiff competition for places. Whereas they had 11 good players last season, they've got 15 top men now.

THE BIG MATCH.

Match of the week should be the one to be played at Olympic Park to-morrow — Juventus v Polonia.

Last week, Juventus, like Geelong, showed that they were "short of a gallop" in their game against Slavia, and tired badly in the second half. They should improve to-morrow, but the fact remains they will clash with what is possibly the most formidable defence in the League, and cannot be expected to score freely.

At the same time, Polonia still have weaknesses in attack, and it would not surprise one if this game, too, ends in a low-score draw.

★ ★ ★ NO SKIN OFF THEIR NOSES.

If all the skin lost by all the players on all of the hard soccer pitches last Saturday were laid end to end, there would be enough to do a complete skin-graft on one of our larger elephants.

Metropolitan North and South Notes

TWO teams which, on past records, are most likely to fight out the premiership of the Metropolitan North meet to-day in a match that should throw some light on the eventual outcome.

Lions visit St. Albans for this crucial game, and success for either club, both of whom were winners last week, could provide that fillip that will bolster their confidence in facing the long season ahead. On past performances, Lions should take the points.

"We were scared." So said Lions about their clash with newcomers, C. Fert. But that was for 15 minutes. Then outside-left Ellams popped in a goal. Result: 9-0 for Lions! Other goals came from J. Ellams (4), J. Bolgarow (2), P. Balassone (2) and M. Wirt.

Kayser steps in at left-back for injured Gunther in the Bayswater side, who are making themselves odds-on favorites to beat I.C.I.

Heidelberg and Fairfield should score wins from newcomers C.S.R. and C.F.C. respectively, and I.C.I. can be expected to defeat Bayswater.

Williamstown and University seem to be evenly matched, but success may go to the Baysiders by a narrow margin.

METRO. SOUTH.

Relative strengths in the South remain to some extent obscure, as four of the 10 teams have yet to play.

Last week, the match, Port Melbourne v. Sandringham, was not played because cricket was still in progress on Port's ground, and several tons of top-soil dumped on Croatia's ground in one goal-square made their game with Rosebud unplayable.

Melbourne, the Hungarian club, showed plenty of power in defeating a third team fielded by Wilhelmina, and should continue their winning way with G.M.H. to-day.

Croatia and Rosebud on past performances should defeat Sandringham and Pascoe Vale respectively, but the selection of winners in the remaining two matches is very difficult at this stage of the season.

RESULTS AND FIXTURES

This Week's Games

THIS week-end's Victorian Amateur Soccer Association's matches are as follows:

DIVISION 1.

Hakoah v. Wilhelmina
Moreland v. J.U.S.T.
Juventus v. Polonia.
Brighton v. Slavia.
Geelong v. Box Hill.

DIVISION 2.

Preston v. Prahran
Yallourn v. Sunshine City
George Cross v. South Yarra
Footscray C. v. South Melb.
Richmond v. Hellenic

DIVISION 3.

Vic. Colts v. Moorabbin City
Yarra Park v. Brunswick
F.N.D. v. Dandenong Rovers
Sunshine U. v. Coburg
Frankston v. Maccabi
Hayduk v. Park Rangers

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Wilhelmina v. Hakoah
J.U.S.T. v. Moreland
Polonia v. Juventus
Slavia v. Brighton
Box Hill v. Geelong

Next Week's Games

DIVISION 1.

Box Hill v. Slavia.
Polonia v. Brighton.
J.U.S.T. v. Juventus.
Wilhelmina v. Moreland.
Hakoah v. Geelong.

DIVISION 2.

Hellenic v. South Melbourne.
South Yarra v. Footscray City.
Sunshine City v. George Cross.
Prahran v. Yallourn.
Preston v. Richmond.

DIVISION 3.

Moorabbin City v. Hayduk.
Dandenong Rovers v. Yarra Park.
Brunswick v. Maccabi.
Park Rangers v. F.N.D.
Coburg v. Frankston.
Sunshine United v. Vic. Colts.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Sandringham City v. Maccabi.
Sunshine United v. Moorabbin City.
Heidelberg v. University.
Lions v. Brunswick.
I.C.I. v. Park Rangers.
Dandenong v. Coburg.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Prahran v. Preston
Sunshine City v. Yallourn
South Yarra v. George Cross
South Melb. v. Footscray C.
Hellenic v. Richmond

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Coburg v. Sandringham C.
Moorabbin C. v. Heidelberg
Brunswick v. Sunshine U.
Dandenong v. I.C.I.
Park Rangers v. University
Maccabi v. Lions

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

St. Albans v. Lions
C.S.R. v. Heidelberg
Bayswater v. I.C.I.
Williamstown v. University
C. Fert. v. Fairfield

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Wilhelmina v. Vic. Police
G.M. Holdens v. Melbourne
Rosebud v. Pascoe Vale
Sandringham C. v. Croatia
Fernree Gully v. P. Melb.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Fairfield v. University.
I.C.I. v. Williamstown.
Heidelberg v. Bayswater.
Lions v. C.S.R.
St. Albans v. C. Fert.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Port Melbourne v. Croatia.
Pascoe Vale v. Sandringham City.
Melbourne v. Rosebud.
Vic. Police v. G.M. Motors.
Wilhelmina v. Fernree Gully.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Slavia v. Box Hill.
Brighton v. Polonia.
Juventus v. J.U.S.T.
Moreland v. Wilhelmina.
Geelong v. Hakoah.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

South Melbourne v. Hellenic.
Footscray City v. South Yarra.
George Cross v. Sunshine City.
Yallourn v. Prahran.
Richmond v. Preston.

Last Week's Results

DIVISION 1.

Brighton d. Box Hill 1-0.
J.U.S.T. d. Hakoah, 4-2.
Polonia d. Moreland, 2-1.
Slavia drew Juventus, 1-1.
Wilhelmina drew Geelong, 1-1.

DIVISION 2.

Yallourn d. South Yarra, 9-2.
Sth. Melbourne d. George Cross, 2-1.
Richmond d. Prahran, 5-2.
Sunshine City drew Preston, 0-0.
*Hellenic v. Footscray City.

DIVISION 3.

Yarra Park d. Moorabbin, 7-4.
Brunswick d. F.N.D., 2-0.
Coburg d. Vic. Colts, 3-1.
Hayduk d. Maccabi, 3-2.
Frankston d. Park Rangers, 1-0.
Dandenong d. Sunshine U., 2-1.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Williamstown d. Fairfield, 2-1.
University d. Bayswater, 1-0.
I.C.I. d. C.S.R., 3-1.
St. Albans d. Heidelberg, 2-0.
Lions d. C.F.C., 9-0.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Pascoe Vale d. G.M.H., 2-1.
Melbourne d. Wilhelmina, 14-2.
Vic. Police drew Fernree Gully, 2-2.
*Port Melb. v. Sandringham.
*Croatia v. Rosebud.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Box Hill d. Brighton, 8-3.
Juventus d. Slavia, 8-2.
Polonia d. Moreland, 2-1.
J.U.S.T. d. Hakoah, 2-0.
Geelong d. Wilhelmina, 4-1.

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

George Cross d. South Melb., 4-2.
Yallourn d. South Yarra, 5-0.
Preston d. Sunshine City, 3-2.
Prahran d. Richmond, 5-1.
*Hellenic v. Footscray City.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Sandringham d. Moorabbin, 1-0.
Coburg d. I.C.I., 3-0.
Maccabi d. University, 6-0.
Lions d. Park Rangers, 5-2.
Dandenong d. Sunshine U., 3-0.
Heidelberg d. Brunswick, W.O.
*Postponed.

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TEAMS FOR THIS WEEK-END

AT Press time, clubs had short-listed the following players in their line-ups for the matches this week-end:—

DIVISION 1.

BOX HILL v. Geelong.—Stow; Patterson, Vandenberg; Morrow, Nelson, McLeod, Bakens; Stagg, Henigan, Tester, McClellan, Paton. Reserve: Slaats.

GEELONG v. Box Hill, at Geelong.—Penzo; Torcello, Sabidussi; Pangrazio, Salvalaggio, Speziani, Varrasso, Boz, Tognon, Scalamera, Anderson. Reserves: Majoura, Cranelli.

BRIGHTON v. Slavia, at Olympic Park, on Saturday.—Scott; Cullen, Finlay; Kokatko, McCartney, Waitzer, Engelbogen; Sirach, Garrett, Buissink, Lachman, MacKenzie.

SLAVIA v. Brighton.—Barotajs; Terek, Reinbold, Roznetinsky; Glennie, Petherick, Vacirca; Bell, Gotschlich, Cook, Gottesman, Copeland. Reserves: Brady, MacFadyen, Dickson.

HAKOAH v. Wilhelmina, at Middle Park.—Vitti; Sime, Garland, McIntosh; Thomas, Jack, Drennan; Sutherland, Reechenrader, Carval, Blakely, Piercy.

WILHELMINA v. Hakoah, at Middle Park.—Ruyters; Sloothaak, Mathysen; Remmers, Westerveld, Olifiers; Luyten, Yntema, Schipperheyn, Huygen, de Bruyckere. Reserves: Waldeck, Dindher.

J.U.S.T. v. Moreland.—Lucian; Vidovic, Gungl; Apologno, T. Vella, Brenner, Jakus, Kolaric; E. Vella, Cubero, Ardner, Lunaro, Teuben.

MORELAND v. J.U.S.T., at Campbell Park.—Hobson; Eastaway, Innard; McGee, Stott, Goodman; Oxtan, Hodgson, Wilson, Loughran, Smith, Kyle.

POLONIA v. Juventus, at Olympic Park, on Sunday.—Terlikowski; Zablocki, Jakubowski; Plekan, Pedzimaz, Lawrie; Czerkaski, Rubini, Vonnagy, Strahan, Swoboda.

JUVENTUS v. Polonia, at Olympic Park, on Sunday.—Vitti, Picinich, Guardiani, Kassai, Saico, Lacatos, Novasleich, Plateo, Saico, Toth, Parlatoni, Weinber, Zavatier, Trentini, Pittoni.

DIVISION 2.

GEORGE CROSS v. South Yarra, at Princes Park, Carlton.—Mannering; Muscat, Gruppetta; Hathaway, Farugia, Damato; Cachia, Zammit, Debono, Debono-Brando, Zammit. Reserve: Catania.

RICHMOND v. Hellenic.—Kuehne or Weber; Wenzlaff, Bieg; Duerboeck, Stramm, Engler, Meyer; Ulmer, Stegner, Brunnbauer, Folk, Wittlinger, Aldeschulte.

SOUTH MELBOURNE v. Footscray City, at Footscray.—Camilleri; Forsythe, Neill; Annersley, Thompson, Guy; Jordon, Budgen, James, Macleod, Eagleton.

SOUTH YARRA v. George Cross.—Campbell; Gibbons, Pringle; Grant, Anastatos, Bain; Curran, McNeill, Bolton, Gelsiminio, Murphy. Reserve: McCall.

SUNSHINE UNITED v. Coburg, at Sunshine Park.—Keogh; Clayton, McColl; Grech, McBean, Nithsdale; K. Hitchings, Testa, Sharpe, Pollock, D. Hitchings. Reserves: Peters and R. Hitchings.

YALLOURN v. Sunshine City, at No. 3 Oval, Yallourn.—Blunt; Saxelby, Lichtnecker; Weir, Roberts, Neundlinger; Mackey, Bathgate, H. Saxelby, McLean, Brown.

DIVISION 3.

FRANKSTON v. Maccabi, at Frankston.—Albers; Zelst, Pastischnyj; Wilkes, Bierman, Piggott; Heath, Richardson, Wren, Herdman, Betts.

HAYDUK v. Park Rangers, at Royal Park South, Ground 2.—Morks; Kunek, Trupkovic; Constantini, Radolovic, Staver; Sterpin, Damjan, Guld, Kovac, Saina. Reserves: Mart, Trgovcic.

HEIDELBERG v. C.S.R., at James Park, W. Heidelberg.—Andersson; Meek, B. Costa, Chandler; Naylor, Kane, Malcolm; D. Costa, Kilburn, McCormack, J. Naylor, Seager.

MACCABI v. Frankston, at Frankston.—Dyskin; Hirsch, Peters; Horovitz, Breitberg, Leibnick; Roessler, Marks, Foldi, Finkielstein, Wilhelm, Reserve: Guss.

VIC. COLTS v. Moorabbin City, at Olympic Park (1 p.m.).—Belli; McCall, Falahey, Yeo; Dallas, Benjamin, Scott; Martin, Reid, Freeman, Nettleton, Holland, Flint.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

BAYSWATER v. I.C.I., at Bayswater.—Kaysar; Seegets, Kaysar; Fuchs, Steller, Steller; Wied, Clavs, Imberger, Fuchs, Weller. Reserve: Bulach.

LIONS v. St. Albans, at St. Albans.—Walter; Demibowski, Deifel; Lukowski, Demidowski, Clemente; Wirt, Balassone, Bolgarow, Schrey, Ellams; Reserve: Sitko.

ST. ALBANS v. Lions, at St. Albans.—Miller; Winkler, Schiede, Suttman; Torner, Simonis, Stolk, Geisenkersting; Berger, Landherr, Kolaritsch, Beller, Goettlicher, Feist.

WILLIAMSTOWN v. University, at Gray Reserve.—Colquhoun; Jones, Mikelo; Cullen, Blake, Todd, McConnel, J. Cullen, Ludwick, McLeod, Gray.

UNIVERSITY v. Williamstown.—West; Bowenpain, Barraclough; Shah, Young, Softopo; Lea, Soejono, Lee, Sykes, Ng.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

FERNTREE GULLY v. Port Melbourne, at Brennock Park.—Laeunes; Saes, Hofstee; Hoogbrugge, Gebbins, Rykelijkhuizen; Peeters, Steginga, Ade-rooy, Korten, de Kort. Reserves: Dornier, Suidgeest, Kolk, de Rooy.

MELBOURNE v. G.M.H.—Rozsahegy, Holl; Dorogi, T. Szalay; Bukkos, F. Szalay, Tonok; Urban, Voros, Zolnai, Zavodski, Taczi.

SANDRINGHAM v. Croatia, at Hampton.—Cattermole; van Wooy, Cantwell; Hyndman, McQuaigue, Liston; Gardner, Saunders, Jordan, Dawson, Daw. Reserves: Bartoli, Sutherland, Clarke.

VIC. POLICE v. Wilhelmina, at Surrey Park, Burnley.—Bleeker; West, Wiggins; Hannah, Grimer, Day; Higgins, Roberts, Saxe, Power, Dixon. Reserves: Wiggins, Bennett.

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Junior Notes

TALK about enthusiasm! Last Sunday, 14 cars and a coach conveyed Essendon supporters out to Rosebud for a pre-season warm-up match, and reports are that the outing was a great success (writes Barrie Matthews).

Essendon won by 3-1, with goals from Kovaks (2) and Dugdale. Scorer Kovaks is one of the club's bright hopes. Only 15, he has only recently arrived from Hungary. Club says: "You'll see much of this lad as the season progresses."

To-day's games launch the 1957 season. In the Under 20's, Sunshine make their debut against Wilhelmina, and new-comers, Maccabi and Polonia, meet each other.

In the Under 17's, Preston meet Box Hill at home. This game will create a lot of interest, for Box Hill has been a junior stronghold for many years.

Wesley College have again fielded a team in this division. It is hoped other public schools will follow suit next season and enter sides.

Clubs are requested by Mr. Denis Chambers, the assistant secretary and registrar, to 'phone their results to the 'Herald' immediately after the game. The chairman will be available on JU 3143 at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings for 'left-overs.'

And a last word to referees: Tighten up this season!

DIVISION 2 — By DES HAMILTON.

"PUSKAS" AND "FRITZ" RAISE RICHMOND HOPES

MEET Victoria's "Puskas" Frankie Stegner, of promoted Richmond and a former Sunshine United player. That's right — he's from Budapest! But before emigrating he played for some years in Germany. Second Division Richmond regard him as "ever reliable."

Also from Germany to Richmond comes 19-year-old Fritz Aldeschulte. He's shown great promise in training and is heading for a senior side chance. Then there's ex-Berliner top-team man Alfons Stramm. He's in the first team half-back line.

Another new name among the half-backs is Michael Engler, who came from Austria six months ago, and noted for clever head-work.

STRONG HALVES.

They'll be competing for half-line places with Kurt Meyer, one of Richmond's outstanding players, and Duerboeck, also rated very reliable.

Richmond's tip of the week: Don't under-estimate our little winger, Ulmer. He's a great fighter — for the ball!

Formalities for the move over to Richmond of ex-Brighton keeper, 20-year-old Werner Pfeiffer, are almost complete. Werner kept goal for the Seasiders in the Sun night contest.

South Melbourne's two goals last week came when new right-wing pair, Jordon and Budgen, settled down. But South Melbourne were lucky at times to keep one-goal George Cross out. Gained enough confidence, though, to expect to beat unknown power, Footscray City, on Saturday.

Second Division strengths should be clarified somewhat after this week's games. Footscray and Hel-

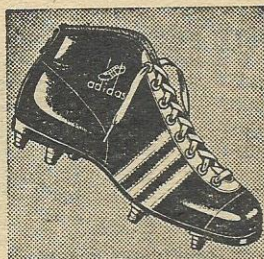
lenic are undoubtedly the dark horses.

But if Yallourn and Richmond can repeat their convincing wins of last Saturday, it seems that the honours of the season will be settled between these two.

Pivot Problem?

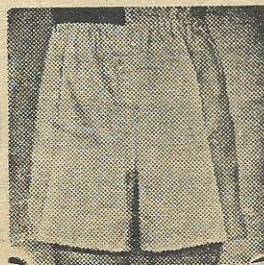
Hakoah played without Tom Jack last Saturday, and rumour has it that this was because Tom doesn't want to play anywhere but in the pivot spot, where young Bob Garland is doing a splendid job.

If this rumour is correct, it is very surprising, because, as captain-coach of Hakoah, Tom should be the first man in the club to recommend the encouragement by retention of promising young players, particularly when they are as sound as Garland.



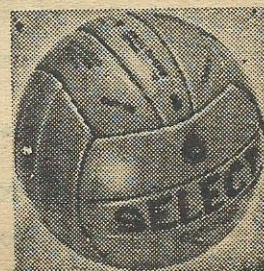
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DIVISION 1.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
J.U.S.T.	1	1	0	0	4	2	2
Polonia	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Brighton	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Slavia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Juventus	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Wilhelmina ..	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Geelong	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Box Hill	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Moreland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Hakoah	1	0	0	1	2	4	0

DIVISION 2.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yallourn ..	1	1	0	0	9	2	2
Richmond ..	1	1	0	0	5	2	2
S. Melb.	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Sunshine C. ..	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Preston	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Geo. Cross ..	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Prahran	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
S. Yarra	1	0	0	1	2	9	0
F'scray C. ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hellenic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DIVISION 3.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Coburg	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
Brunswick ..	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Dandenong ..	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Yarra Park ..	1	1	0	0	7	4	2
Frankston ..	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Hayduk	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Maccabi	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Park R.	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Moorabbin ..	1	0	0	1	4	7	0
Sunshine U. ..	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
F.N.D.	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Vic. Colts ...	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

METROPOLITAN NORTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	1	1	0	0	9	0	2
I.C.I.	1	1	0	0	3	1	2
St. Albans ..	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
University ...	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
W'town	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Bayswater ...	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Fairfield	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
C.S.R.	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Heidelberg ..	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
C.F.C.	1	0	0	1	0	9	0

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne ..	1	1	0	0	14	2	2
Pascoe Vale ..	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Vic. Police ...	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Ferntree G. ...	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
G.M.H.	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Wilhelmina ..	1	0	0	1	2	14	0
P. Melb.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S'ham C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rosebud	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

P. Melb. v. S'ham C.; not played.
Croatia v. Rosebud; not played.

DIVISION 1 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Geelong	1	1	0	0	5	1	2
Juventus	1	1	0	0	8	2	2
Box Hill	1	1	0	0	8	3	2
J.U.S.T.	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Polonia	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Moreland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Hakoah	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Brighton	1	0	0	1	3	8	0
Slavia	1	0	0	1	2	8	0
Wilhelmina ..	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

DIVISION 2 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Yallourn ..	1	1	0	0	5	0	2
Prahran	1	1	0	0	5	1	2
Geo. Cross ..	1	1	0	0	4	2	2
Preston	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Sunshine C. ..	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
S. Melb.	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Richmond ..	1	0	0	1	1	5	0
S. Yarra	1	0	0	1	0	5	0
F'scray C. ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hellenic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

F'scray City v. Hellenic; not played.

DIVISION 3 RESERVES.

Team.	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Maccabi	1	1	0	0	6	0	2
Coburg	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Dandenong ..	1	1	0	0	3	0	2
Lions	1	1	0	0	5	2	2
S'ham City ..	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Heidelberg ..	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
M'abbin C. ...	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Park R.	1	0	0	1	2	5	0
I.C.I.	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
Sunshine U. ...	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
University ...	1	0	0	1	0	6	0
Brunswick ...	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

WELL DONE!

Club secretaries and officials co-operated excellently in advising their scores, and the Lions Club had the "honour" of being first on the 'phone. Andy Clark, of Preston, whose co-operation each season is wonderful, ran third for a change.

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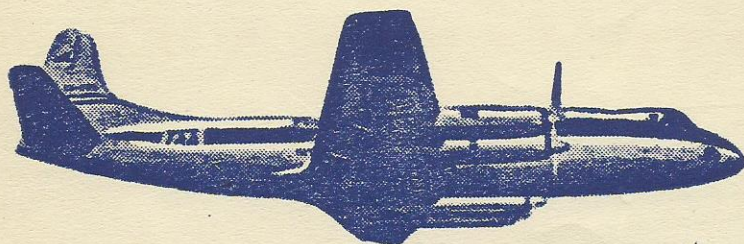
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